

REMARKS

The allowance of Claims 35-40 is acknowledged with appreciation.

With this response, Claims 3-10, 12-28 and 30-34 that were "objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims" have been rewritten to put these claims in good form for immediate allowance.

Rejected Claims 1, 2, 11 and 29 have been cancelled and will be dealt with in a continuation application.

In view of claim amendments made herewith that put "allowable" Claims 3-10, 12-28 and 30-34 in good form for allowance; in view of the cancellation of "rejected" Claims 1, 2, 11 and 29; and inasmuch as Claims 35-40 already have been "allowed," it is respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be provided without further ado indicating that Claims 3-10, 12-28, 30-34 and 35-40 are allowed.

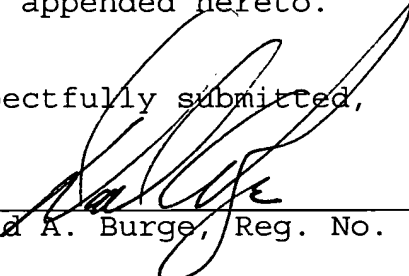
If, upon review, the Examiner finds any remaining concerns that appear to require further attention, the Examiner is urged and requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney of Record in the hope that any issues that remain can be resolved promptly so that a Notice of Allowance can issue at the earliest possible time.

Accompanying this Amendment and Response to Office Action is a check paying a fee necessitated by the claim amendments made herewith. If a greater or lesser fee should have been paid to file this paper or to implement its intent, please charge any deficiency in the accompanying check or fee payment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4700 maintained by the firm of David A. Burge Co., L.P.A. A transmittal letter (in duplicate) presenting the same deposit account information as set out in this paragraph is appended hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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